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MISCELLANEOUS DECREES ISSUED IN BULGARIA
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TWO NEW MINISTRIES FORMED; ONE REVISED -- Sofia, Izvestiya, 23 Oct 53

According to Ukase No 406 of the Presidium of the People's Assembly, the new Ministry of Light and Food Industry (Ministerstvo na lekata i khranitelnata promishlenost) is formed from the old Ministry of Light Industry (Ministerstvo na lekata promishlenost) and from the Food Industry (Khranitelnata promishlenost) [Administration?] of the old Ministry of Deliveries and Food Industry (Ministerstvo na dostavkite i khranitelnata promishlenost).

The new Ministry of Deliveries and State Reserve (Ministerstvo na dostavkite i durzhavniya rezerv) is formed from the other branches of the old Ministry of Deliveries and Food Industry, from the Administration for State Supply and State Reserve (Upravlenie za durzhavno snabdyavane i durzhaven rezerv), and from the Textile Fibers (Tekstilni vlakna) [Association?] of the old Ministry of Light Industry.

Izvestiya, 15 Dec 53

In accordance with Ukase No 485 of the Presidium of the People's Assembly, Ukase No 406 is changed in part [second paragraph above] to read as follows: "The Ministry of Deliveries (Ministerstvo na dostavkite) is formed from the union of the other branches of the old Ministry of Deliveries and Food Industry and from the Textile Fibers [Association?] of the old Ministry of Light Industry.

[It can be assumed from Ukase No 485 that the Administration for State Supply and State Reserve, headed by Nikola Trayanov, is still an independent organization.]

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NEW ENTERPRISE TO CONTROL MOTION-PICTURE THEATERS -- Sofia, Izvestiya,
27 Nov 53

In accordance with Ukase No 466 of the Presidium of the People's Assembly, Article 3, paragraph II, of the Law on Cinematography, published in Durzhaven Vestnik, No 78, 1948, is amended to read: "Stationary and mobile motion-picture theaters will be operated by the Committee for Cinematography (Komitet za kinematografiya) or by the DP 'Kinefikatsiya' (Durzhavno predpriyatie 'Kinefikatsiya,' state enterprise for establishing motion-picture theaters throughout the country). Motion-picture theaters may be operated also by the Central Council of Trade Unions and its branches and by the Union of Bulgarian-Soviet Friendship Societies, if these organizations obtain the permission from the Committee for Cinematography."

Izvestiya, 8 Dec 53

In accordance with Decree No 750 of the Council of Ministers, all motion-picture equipment, reserve parts, and means of transportation for the equipment which are in the possession of various organizations and people's soviets will be turned over to the Committee for Cinematography or to the DP "Kinefikatsiya" as of 1 January 1954. TKZS (cooperative labor farms) are not required to turn in their means of transportation for such equipment. All motion-picture theaters for public use [listed at the end of the decree] which are in use in villages at the end of 1953 will be transferred to the Committee for Cinematography as of 1 January 1954.

The Ministry of Finance will pay the debts owed by various organizations to the DP "Razprostranenie na filmi" (Distribution of Films).

The DP "Kinefikatsiya" will rent motion-picture theaters operated by various organizations and people's soviets. It will pay 6 percent of the income of each theater as rent, after the turnover tax and the cost of the film have been deducted.

JUDICIAL JURISDICTION OF VILLAGE CHANGED -- Sofia, Izvestiya, 24 Nov 53

In accordance with Order No 146 of the Ministry of Justice, the village of Byala voda, Svishtov Okoliya, is transferred from the judicial jurisdiction of the Nikopol People's Court to the jurisdiction of the Svishtov People's Court.

HURRICANE, HAIL DAMAGE VILLAGES -- Sofia, Izvestiya, 10 Nov 53

The inhabitants of Alfatar, Aydemir, Babuk, and Stanchevo, all in Silistra Okoliya, whose property was damaged by a hurricane, rain, and hail on 16 August 1953, are not required to pay taxes in connection with rebuilding their wrecked homes and commercial buildings. The people's soviets concerned will establish which individuals incurred losses as a result of the disaster.

This ukase, No 443, dated 4 November 1953, will be carried out by the Ministry of Communal Economy and Public Works.

[The disaster was not reported in the press at the time of its occurrence.]

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DECREES NEW EXCHANGE RATE FOR OLD LEVA -- Sofia, Izvestiza, 10 Nov 53

According to Ukase No 440 of the Presidium of the People's Assembly, personal financial obligations which were in force prior to 10 May 1952 will be paid on the basis of 4 new leva for 100 old leva. In special cases, however, the court may apply the following exchange rate, given in Decree No 405 of the Council of Ministers and the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party, dated 10 May 1952:

<u>Old Leva</u>	<u>New Leva</u> (for each 100 old leva)
Up to 50,000	3.00
50,001-100,000	2.00
100,001-200,000	1.50
Over 200,000	1.00

If a debtor paid too much money to his creditor not in accordance with the above table, the difference will be returned to him. Overpayment made by a court will not be returned to the court. Contracts made prior to 10 May 1952 to settle obligations between persons remain in force.

FREE SALE OF HAY PERMITTED IN SOME OKOLIYAS -- Sofia, Izvestiya, 23 Oct 53

The former Ministry of Deliveries and Food Industry issued Order No K-2-615 on 10 October 1953, which stated that the free sale of hay is permitted in Blagoevgrad, Elkhovo, Kotel, Pomorie, Dulovo, Botevgrad, Chirpan, Dryanovo, and Khaskovo okoliyas, as well as in the City of Sofia, by producers who have fulfilled their state hay-delivery quotas.

Izvestiya, 13 Nov 53

According to Order No K-2-673, dated 30 October 1953, of the Ministry of Deliveries and State Reserve, the free sale of hay is permitted in Razlog, Troyan, Purvomay, Sliven, Ivaylovgrad, and Svilengrad okoliyas by producers who have fulfilled their state hay-delivery quotas.

Izvestiya, 24 Nov 53

According to Order No K-4-727, dated 17 November 1953, the free sale of hay is permitted in Gotse Delchev, Burgas, Asenovgrad, and Balchik okoliyas by producers who have fulfilled their state hay-delivery quotas.

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